

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S2313–S2365*

**Measures Introduced:** Seventeen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2795–2811, and S. Res. 496–498. **Pages S2345–46**

**Measures Passed:**

*National Cushing's Syndrome Awareness Day:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 498, designating April 8, 2008, as "National Cushing's Syndrome Awareness Day". **Page S2364**

**Measures Considered:**

**New Direction for Energy Independence, National Security, and Consumer Protection Act and the Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation Tax Act:** Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 3221, moving the United States toward greater energy independence and security, developing innovative new technologies, reducing carbon emissions, creating green jobs, protecting consumers, increasing clean renewable energy production, and modernizing our energy infrastructure, and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for the production of renewable energy and energy conservation. **Pages S2314–37**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, April 3, 2008, Senate adopt the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and after reporting of the bill, Senator Dodd or his designee, be recognized to offer a substitute amendment to the bill; provided further, that following opening statements by Senators Dodd and Shelby, Senator Durbin be recognized to an amendment relating to bankruptcy. **Page S2365**

**Message from the President:** Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2008 National Drug Control Strategy; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (PM–42) **Page S2342**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

John P. Hewko, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

Jeffrey F. Kupfer, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Energy.

Richard E. Hoagland, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Marie L. Yovanovitch, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Armenia.

William J. Burns, of the District of Columbia, to be an Under Secretary of State (Political Affairs).

Janice L. Jacobs, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Bureau of Consular Affairs).

Alexa E. Posny, of Kansas, to be a Member of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board for a term expiring November 25, 2011.

Elaine C. Duke, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Management, Department of Homeland Security.

Brandon Chad Bungard, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for a term of five years. **Page S2365**

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**Measures Referred:** **Page S2342**

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:26 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 3, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2365.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### SAFEGUARDING WORKERS' RIGHTS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine National Labor Relations Board representation elections and initial collective bargaining agreements, focusing on safeguarding workers' rights, after receiving testimony from Peter C. Schaumber, Chairman, and Wilma B. Liebman, Member, both of the National Labor Relations Board; Gordon Lafer, University of Oregon Labor Education and Research Center, Eugene; and John N. Raudabaugh, Baker and McKenzie LLP, Chicago, Illinois.

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Energy, after receiving testimony from Raymond L. Orbach, Under Secretary for Science, Alexander Karsner, Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, and David G. Frantz, Director, Loan Guarantee Program Office, Office of the Chief Financial Officer, all of the Department of Energy.

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities concluded a hearing to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009 for the Cooperative Threat Reduction Program and the Proliferation Security Initiative at the Department of Defense, and nuclear nonproliferation programs at the National Nuclear Security Administration, and the future years defense program, after receiving testimony from William H. Tobey, Deputy Administrator, Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy; and Joseph A. Benkert, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Global Security Affairs.

### DOD CONTRACTING

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support concluded a hearing to examine Department of Defense (DOD) contracting in Iraq and Afghanistan, after receiving testimony from James I. Finley, Deputy Under Secretary for Acquisition and Technology, Jack Bell, Deputy Under Secretary for Logistics and Materiel Readiness, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Lieuten-

ant General N. Ross Thompson III, USA, Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology, and Jeffery P. Parsons, Executive Director, Army Contracting Command (Provisional), United States Army Materiel Command, all of the Department of Defense.

### POLAR BEARS

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the listing decision for the polar bear under the Endangered Species Act, focusing on the issues of climate change and conservation of polar bears, after receiving testimony from Douglas B. Inkley, National Wildlife Federation (NWF), Reston, Virginia; William P. Horn, Birch, Horton, Bittner and Cherot, Washington, D.C., on behalf of sundry organizations; and Kassie Siegel, Center for Biological Diversity, Joshua Tree, California.

### IRAQ

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine Iraq after the troop surge, focusing on military prospects, after receiving testimony from General Barry R. McCaffrey, USA (Ret.), BR McCaffrey Associates LLC, Arlington, Virginia; and Lieutenant General William E. Odom, USA (Ret.), Center for Strategic and International Studies, Major General Robert H. Scales, Jr., USA (Ret.), Colgen, Inc., and Michele Flournoy, Center for New American Security, all of Washington, D.C.

### IRAQ

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine Iraq after the troop surge, focusing on political prospects, after receiving testimony from Yahia Khairi Said, Revenue Watch Institute, and Nir Rosen, New York University Center on Law and Security, both of New York, New York; and Stephen Biddle, Council on Foreign Relations, Washington, D.C.

### ASSESSING THE THREAT OF NUCLEAR TERRORISM

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine nuclear terrorism, focusing on assessing the threat to the United States, after receiving testimony from Charles E. Allen, Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Intelligence and Analysis; Rolf Mowatt-Larssen, Director, Office of Intelligence and Counterintelligence, Department of Energy; Matthew Bunn, Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Gary Anthony Ackerman, University of Maryland National